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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Hui et al.
Serial No.: 10/799,413
Filed: March 12, 2004
Art Unit: 2814
Examiner: Mai, Anh D.
Title: AVOIDING FIELD OXIDE GOUGING IN SHALLOW
TRENCH ISOLATION (STI) REGIONS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 31, 2007, having a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.